

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in this application. In the Preliminary Amendment dated January 18, 2005, a Substitute Specification was submitted. However, the Preliminary Amendment did not mention the Substitute Specification. Applicants submit that the Substitute Specification does not contain new matter. A marked-up copy of the original specification showing the matter being added to and deleted from the specification was also submitted with the Preliminary Amendment dated January 18, 2005.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Paul C. Lewis (Reg. No. 43,368) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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